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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

1. The following observations were made at Dessau airfield between 21 and 28 September 1954:

21 September. Five tank trucks and 1 radio truck arrived at the field and were parked in the southern section of the installation, about in line with the former flight control building. The radio truck was dug in and camouflaged. About 50 meters west of the radio truck, a radio mast was being set up and braced by three guy wires. At the same time, maintenance work was being done on the revetments in the southwestern corner of the field. Beds were being hauled to the field on trucks. Soviet Air Force soldiers were quartered in the southern buildings on Junkers Strasse. KVP personnel were still observed in the quartering buildings.

23 September. At about 1330, a formation of 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s landed at the field. The aircraft were refueled and again took off at 1450.

25 September. All the tank trucks, were moved to the southern section of the field, where they were camouflaged with branches.

27 September. At about 1500, 18 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s landed at the field and remained there.

28 September. Some of the aircraft which had landed on the preceding day were covered with tarpaulins and parked in the revetments at the southwestern edge of the field. Another portion of the aircraft was parked in the northeastern corner of the field.

2. Since 25 September, a Soviet Air Force unit equipped with MiG-15s has been stationed at Dessau airfield. During the afternoon of 28 September, 20 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were observed. Auxiliary landing lights were observed outside of the eastern section of the

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field and a radio installation with an umbrella-type antenna was seen on the slope next to the railroad line to Alten. At about 1500 on 5 October, the field was being vacated. Eight trucks with EM, several equipment trucks, 1 caterpillar tractor, 8 tank trucks and 1 radio truck were ready to leave.

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Comment. Dessau airfield previously was not occupied by an air unit. The arrival of the MiG-15 unit is fairly definitely connected with the fall maneuvers. The motor vehicle [] reported do not indicate the previous location of the unit, while aircraft [] has previously been observed in Grossenhain and Merseburg.

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